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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Proposed Adoption of Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium Model Core Teaching Standards as Revised Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers

The Council of Chief State School Officers through its Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) has created a set of model core teaching standards outlining what teachers should know and be able to demonstrate to ensure every K-12 student reaches the goal of being career and college ready. These standards outline the common principles and foundations of teaching practice which are necessary to improve student achievement across all grade levels.

These updated InTASC model standards are aligned with other recently revised or released national and state standards including the Common Core State Standards for students in mathematics and English language arts, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards accomplished teaching core principles, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation standards, the National Staff Development Council professional development standards, and the Interstate School Leader Licensure Consortium 2008 educational leadership policy standards.

A detailed description of the InTASC model core teaching standards are available at:

[http://www.ccsso.org/Resources/Programs/Interstate\\_Teacher\\_Assessment\\_Consortium\\_\(InTASC\).html](http://www.ccsso.org/Resources/Programs/Interstate_Teacher_Assessment_Consortium_(InTASC).html)

The original Entry-Level Standards for Michigan Teachers were developed under the guidance of the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers and adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE) in August 1993. Various adjustments to the standards have occurred between 1998 and 2008 including a name change from *Entry-Level Standards for Michigan Teachers* to *Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers (PSMT)*.

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The current version of the PSMT were revised using the 1992 InTASC standards for licensing new teachers, which assured Michigan teachers were prepared to teach all students, including those with special needs in an inclusive classroom.

The revised Professional Standards for Michigan Teachers will be presented to the SBE for approval at the November 8, 2011 meeting.